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SUBJECT:CSCE/CBM'S:RECENT EAST GERMAN FIELD TRAINING
MANEUVERS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL GUIDANCE ON MONITORING
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SOURCES OBSERVED PARTICIPATING ELEMENTS IN RECENT EAST
GERMAN FIELD MANEUVERS DEPLOYING TOWARDS TRAINING AREAS.
WHILE THESE SOURCES OBSERVED MOVEMENT OF MAJOR ELEMENTS
OF THE 1ST MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION (MRD) AND A

SIZEABLE CONTINGENT FROM THE 9TH TANK DIVISION (TD), NO
PRECISE JUDGMENTS ON THE NUMBER OF EXERCISE PARTICIPANTS
CAN BE MADE.

2. AN EAST GERMAN MRD AT FULL STRENGTH HAS NEARLY 11,000
MEN; A TD ABOUT 8,600. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE, THEREFORE,
THAT THE OVERALL NUMBER OF TROOPS PARTICIPATING ON THE

GROUND EXCEEDED 10,000; BUT ON THE BASIS OF THE
SCATTERED AND INCOMPLETE SIGHTINGS, SUCH A DETERMINATION
CANNOT BE MADE WITH ANY CERTAINTY. EVEN IF ALL PERSONNEL
OF BOTH DIVISIONS HAD BEEN PRESENT, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING
STAFF ELEMENTS FROM MOD HEADQUARTERS, IT WOULD BE
EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TROOPS
EXCEEDED THE 25,000 TROOP THRESHOLD FOR CSCE/CBM
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